



Mark your Calendar!



- ◆ **March 4th - 6th**
Rural Health Workforce -
The Future is now! -
(Phoenix, AZ)
- ◆ **March 18th**
[HRSA's Bold New Na-
tional Patient Safety &
Council Pharmacy Ser-
vices Collaborative webi-
nar](#)

April 17th Webinar with
Andrew Croshaw, Sen-
ior Executive Advisor to
Secretary Michael O.
Leavitt at the U.S. Depart-
ment of Health and Human
Services. Great opportu-
nity to ask questions and
learn about the Value
Driven Healthcare Initia-
tive. For more information
on the initiative [click here](#).

**CHECK OUT TRAVERSE
CITY, MICHIGAN....**The
Annual NOSORH Meeting
and ORHP SORH Grant-
ees meeting will be held
back to back in Traverse
City, Michigan. Septem-
ber 24-26th. To check out
what a great place Traver-
se City is [click here](#).

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SOMETHING NEW ON NOSORH WEB- SITE ABOUT YOUR SORH...

If you haven't been on the NOSORH website lately check it out. The Mentoring Program information includes "Mentoring Resources" a query format which lists areas of expertise for each SORH....and while you're at it please update your Staff Directory. If you need a password reminder or help contact Donna Pfaendtner, Program Assistant (586)336-4627 or by email at dpanosorh@comcast.net.

BOARD ADVANCES...The

NOSORH Board retreat earlier this month focused on NOSORH strategy for SORHs. Karen Madden, President kicked off the retreat with her 3 goals for her tenure as president... Branding, Development and Policy for NOSORH and SORHs. We're working on focusing on developing partnerships with national organizations and associations. Email [Teryl](#) with any ideas.

NOSORH FUNDS 5 ...Five State Offices of Rural Health will receive funding from the NOSORH ORHP Cooperative Agreement to assist SORH partnerships on workforce issues, increasing collaboration and research of health needs. Good luck to each of these state offices and their partners on these projects.

For more information about the projects [click here](#).

Colorado Rural Health Center "Region E Rural Health Workforce Collaborative"

Minnesota Dept of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care "2nd Upper Midwest Rural Health Policy Summit"

Ohio State Office of Rural Health "Appalachian Rural Health Research Initiative"

Virginia State Office of Rural Health "The Recruitment and Retention of a Quality Health Workforce in Rural Areas: Highlighting and Sharing of Best Practices from Model Rural Residency and Other Advanced Practice Experience Training Programs"

Vermont Department of Health, Office of Rural Health & Primary Care "Planning Regional Approaches to New England's Workforce Issues"

FLEX AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEES ARE TEAMING UP and looking for several volunteers to work with the Flex Monitoring Team and TASC... reply to Marlene by March 7th. For more information [click here](#).

CONFERENCES APPROVED FOR USE OF MENTORING FUNDS

April 22, 2008 Rural Health Works Training hosted by the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health for more information [click here](#).

May 21-23, 2008 Rural and Frontier EMS and Trauma Summit at the Lake; sponsored by the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation Coeur D'Alene Resort, Idaho.

Please note: A mentoring application is required. If you have any questions contact [Betty King](#), Program Specialist...(520) 319-0113



CONGRATULATIONS to Lynda Bergsma, PhD Director, Arizona State Office of Rural Health Program selected as a National Rural Health Association

Fellow and the only SORH Director among the group...and to **Graham Adams, PhD** who attended his first National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services and to **Teryl Eisinger, MA** for her new appointment as **NOSORH Director** the change in title reflects her leadership role with NOSORH beyond the work on the Cooperative Agreement.

YOU CAN DO WEBINARS TOO! And we can make this simple for you! If your SORH is interested in using NOSORH resources for conducting webinars in your state, we'd be happy to help. A small fee to capture phone line and other costs would apply. Contact [Teryl](#) if you're interested.